

MINUTES
EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, November 24, 2020

City Council Chamber

4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Council President Weld called the meeting to order. The following Council Members were present in-person: Jill Christopherson and Terry Weld. The following Council Members were present remotely: Emily Anderson, Kate Beaton, Emily Berge, Catherine Emmanuelle, Jeremy Gragert, David Klinkhammer, John Lor, Andrew Werthmann and Mai Xiong.

UPDATE

Update by Interim City Manager Solberg regarding City operations and local response during the COVID-19 pandemic.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda for the following items of routine business on Tuesday, November 24, 2020:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the November 10, 2020 Council Legislative Session.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Granting a permanent expansion of the Combination Class A Intoxicating Liquor & Fermented Malt Beverage licensed premise of Sam's East Inc., d/b/a Sam's Club, 4001 Gateway Drive, to include a club pickup staging area.
- Awarding a contract for Procurement No. 2020-52, Furnish Various Chemicals for Water and Waste Water Treatment.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Klinkhammer "to adopt the consent resolution." Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

PROCLAMATIONS

President Weld read a proclamation proclaiming Saturday, November 28, as Small Business Saturday in the City of Eau Claire and encouraging citizens to support their community's small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.

President Weld read a proclamation proclaiming November 23, 2020 as Public Health Thank You Day in the City of Eau Claire and calling upon Eau Claire residents to join all Wisconsinites in expressing our deepest gratitude to our public health heroes.

AGREEMENTS

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing a five (5) year extension of, and amendments to, the Tourism Promotion and Destination Development Agreement between the City of Eau Claire and Visit Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution approving an Addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Eau Claire and Catholic Charities. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

GRANTS

The City Council considered a resolution accepting and appropriating the capital grant agreement with the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration Division of Enterprise Operations Volkswagen Mitigation Transit Capital Assistance Grant Program. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Klinkhammer and seconded by Council Member Lor “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract to accept a \$250,000 grant from the WEDC Idle Sites Grant program for the Hy-Vee, Inc. redevelopment of the former Kmart site located at 2020 E. Clairemont Avenue. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Xiong “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City of Eau Claire to apply for the Mayo Clinic Health System EverybodyIN Fund for Change grant to fight racism and advance equity, diversity and inclusion. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Beaton “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

TAX LEVIES & TAX RATES

The City Council considered a substitute resolution establishing the 2020 tax levies for taxes collectible in 2021 and setting the tax roll for all governmental units within the City of Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a substitute resolution levying tax rates for all taxable real and personal property in the 2020 tax roll of the City of Eau Claire located in Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

TIMBER BLUFF

The City Council considered a resolution approving the final plat for Timber Bluff located on the southwest corner of Old Town Hall Road and Graff Road (File P-8-20). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Klinkhammer and seconded by Council Member Lor “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a development agreement with Wurzer Builders, Inc. for street and utility improvements within the Plat of Timber Bluff. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Xiong “to adopt the resolution.”

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Gragert and seconded by Council Member Berge “to amend the development agreement” by adding to the conditions of approval set forth in the development agreement the following:

I.4. The sidewalk within the Old Town Hall Road and Graff Road Right-of-way shall be included in the corresponding reconstruction project and special assessed to the adjacent parcels in accordance with the Special Assessment Policy in effect at the time of construction.

I.5. Any multi-use trail or sidewalk adjacent to private property shall be maintained and timely cleared of snow and ice consistent with City ordinance by the adjacent property owner or, if created, a development Home Owners Association.

I.6. A separate Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding maintenance of stormwater infrastructure, trail improvements and any other amenities on the dedicated outlot(s), which shall be reviewed and approved by the City concurrent with future site plan approval.

Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Gragert and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to amend the development agreement” by delaying sidewalk along the south side of Old Town Hall Road, the west side of Graff Road, adjacent to the proposed development; the south side of Timber Bluff Boulevard adjacent to Outlot 2 and Outlot 3, as indicated in DWG NO. 2020-31R. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

A vote was then taken “to adopt the resolution” with amended development agreement. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ZONING

The Council considered a motion to reconsider the ordinance amending Title 18 entitled Zoning Code of the City of Eau Claire related to commercial districts (File Z-1680-20). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Beaton “to reconsider the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Christopherson and seconded by Council Member Xiong “to adopt the ordinance” amending Title 18 entitled Zoning Code of the City of Eau Claire related to commercial districts (File Z-1680-20).

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Lor “to indefinitely postpone” the ordinance. Said motion to indefinitely postpone passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Anderson, Beaton, Emmanuelle, Gragert, Lor, Werthmann and Xiong. Nay: Council Members Berge, Christopherson, Klinkhammer and Weld.

The Council considered an ordinance rezoning property located at the southwest corner of Old Town Hall Road and Graff Road from TR-1A to R-2P & R-3P and to adopt the amended general development plan for duplexes, twin homes and a multi-family residential (Z-1673-20).

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Beaton “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

KEEPING OF POULTRY

The Council considered an ordinance amending Chapter 6.15 entitled “Keeping of Poultry” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Beaton and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the ordinance.”

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Beaton “to postpone” to the February 22 & 23, 2021 Council meetings. Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Anderson, Beaton, Emmanuelle, Gragert, Lor and Werthmann. Nay: Council Members Berge, Christopherson, Klinkhammer, Weld and Xiong.

ANNEXATIONS

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance annexing land to the City of Eau Claire located at 2166 Preston Road, Town of Union, Eau Claire County, as shown on Planning Drawing No. 20-7A (Eisenhuth Annexation, Petition #14348).

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance annexing land to the City of Eau Claire located at 2929 Orange Street, Town of Washington, Eau Claire County, as shown on Planning Drawing No. 20-8A (Yang Annexation, Petition #14354).

ALDERMANIC DISTRICTS

The City Council had first reading on a charter ordinance relating to the City Council and the reapportionment of the Aldermanic Districts of the City of Eau Claire.

BENEFITS & LEAVES PLANS

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance temporarily amending the City of Eau Claire Employee Benefits and Leaves Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: November 24, 2020

Time: 7:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Terry L. Weld
Council President

/s/ Carrie L. Riepl
City Clerk